# Some particular direct-sum decompositions and direct-product decompositions 

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## Proposition

The following conditions are equivalent for a ring $R$ :
(i) The ring $R$ has a unique maximal right ideal.
(ii) The Jacobson radical $J(R)$ is a maximal right ideal.
(iii) The sum of two elements of $R$ that are not right invertible is not right invertible.
(iv) $J(R)=\{r \in R \mid r R \neq R\}$.
(v) $R / J(R)$ is a division ring.
(vi) $J(R)=\{r \in R \mid r$ is not invertible in $R\}$.
(vii) The sum of two non-invertible elements of $R$ is non-invertible.
(viii) For every $r \in R$, either $r$ is invertible or $1-r$ is invertible.

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(iv) The endomorphism ring $\operatorname{End}\left(M_{R}\right)$ of an indecomposable module $M_{R}$ of finite composition length is local.

## Krull-Schmidt-Azumaya Theorem, 1950

Theorem
Let $M$ be a module that is a direct sum of modules with local endomorphism rings. Then $M$ is a direct sum of indecomposable modules in an essentially unique way in the following sense. If

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M=\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_{i}=\bigoplus_{j \in J} N_{j}
$$

where all the $M_{i}$ 's $(i \in I)$ and all the $N_{j}$ 's $(j \in J)$ are indecomposable modules, then there exists a bijection $\varphi: I \rightarrow J$ such that $M_{i} \cong N_{\varphi(i)}$ for every $i \in I$.

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## Lemma

Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a category with a terminal object and in which a product $A \times B$ exists for every pair $A, B$ of objects of $\mathcal{C}$. Then $V(\mathcal{C})$ is a large reduced commutative monoid.

## Bergman and Dicks, 1974-1978

Theorem
Let $k$ be a field and let $M$ be a commutative reduced monoid. Then there exists a class $\mathcal{C}$ of finitely generated projective right modules over a right and left hereditary $k$-algebra $R$ such that $M \cong V(\mathcal{C})$.

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For instance, two injective modules have the same monogeny class if and only if they are isomorphic (Bumby's Theorem).

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If $R / a R$ and $R / b R$ are cyclically presented modules over a local ring $R$, we say that $R / a R$ and $R / b R$ have the same lower part, and write $[R / a R]_{I}=[R / b R]_{I}$, if there exist $u, v \in U(R)$ and $r, s \in R$ with $a u=r b$ and $b v=s a$.

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(Two cyclically presented modules over a local ring have the same lower part if and only if their Auslander-Bridger transposes have the same epigeny class.)

## Cyclically presented modules and idealizer

The endomorphism ring $\operatorname{End}_{R}(R / a R)$ of a non-zero cyclically presented module $R / a R$ is isomorphic to $E / a R$, where $E:=\{r \in R \mid r a \in a R\}$ is the idealizer of $a R$.

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(a) Either I and $K$ are comparable (that is, $I \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq I$ ), in which case $E / a R$ is a local ring, or
(b) I and $K$ are not comparable, and in this case $E / I$ and $E / K$ are division rings, $J(E / a R)=(I \cap K) / a R$, and $(E / a R) / J(E / a R)$ is canonically isomorphic to the direct product $E / I \times E / K$.

## Weak Krull-Schmidt Theorem for cyclically presented modules over local rings

Theorem
(Weak Krull-Schmidt Theorem) Let $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}, b_{1}, \ldots, b_{t}$ be $n+t$ non-invertible elements of a local ring $R$. Then the direct sums $R / a_{1} R \oplus \cdots \oplus R / a_{n} R$ and $R / b_{1} R \oplus \cdots \oplus R / b_{t} R$ are isomorphic right $R$-modules if and only if $n=t$ and there exist two permutations $\sigma, \tau$ of $\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$ such that $\left[R / a_{i} R\right]_{I}=\left[R / b_{\sigma(i)} R\right]_{I}$ and $\left[R / a_{i} R\right]_{e}=\left[R / b_{\tau(i)} R\right]_{e}$ for every $i=1,2, \ldots, n$.

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## Proposition

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## Kernels of morphisms between indecomposable injective modules

For a right module $A_{R}$ over a ring $R$, let $E\left(A_{R}\right)$ denote the injective envelope of $A_{R}$. We say that two modules $A_{R}$ and $B_{R}$ have the same upper part, and write $\left[A_{R}\right]_{u}=\left[B_{R}\right]_{U}$, if there exist a homomorphism $\varphi: E\left(A_{R}\right) \rightarrow E\left(B_{R}\right)$ and a homomorphism
$\psi: E\left(B_{R}\right) \rightarrow E\left(A_{R}\right)$ such that $\varphi^{-1}\left(B_{R}\right)=A_{R}$ and $\psi^{-1}\left(A_{R}\right)=B_{R}$.

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Let $\mathcal{P}$ be a completely prime ideal of $\mathcal{C}$. If $A, B$ are objects of $\mathcal{C}$, we say that $A$ and $B$ have the same $\mathcal{P}$ class, and write $[A]_{\mathcal{P}}=[B]_{\mathcal{P}}$, if $\mathcal{P}(A, B) \neq \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(A, B)$ and $\mathcal{P}(B, A) \neq \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(B, A)$.

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For the classes $\mathcal{C}$ of modules described until now, the fact that the weak form of the Krull-Schmidt Theorem holds can be described saying that the corresponding monoid $V(\mathcal{C})$ is a subdirect product of two free monoids.

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## Quasismall modules

A module $N_{R}$ is quasismall if for every set $\left\{M_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$ of $R$-modules such that $N_{R}$ is isomorphic to a direct summand of $\oplus_{i \in I} M_{i}$, there exists a finite subset $F$ of $I$ such that $N_{R}$ is isomorphic to a direct summand of $\oplus_{i \in F} M_{i}$.

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[Příhoda 2006] Let $\left\{U_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$ and $\left\{V_{j} \mid j \in J\right\}$ be two families of uniserial modules over an arbitrary ring $R$. Let $I^{\prime}$ be the sets of all indices $i \in I$ with $U_{i}$ quasismall, and similarly for $J^{\prime}$. Then $\bigoplus_{i \in I} U_{i} \cong \bigoplus_{j \in J} V_{j}$ if and only if there exist a bijection $\sigma: I \rightarrow J$ such that $\left[U_{i}\right]_{m}=\left[V_{\sigma(i)}\right]_{m}$ and a bijection $\tau: I^{\prime} \rightarrow J^{\prime}$ such that $\left[U_{i}\right]_{e}=\left[V_{\tau(i)}\right]_{e}$ for every $i \in I^{\prime}$.

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A full subcategory $\mathcal{C}$ of Mod- $R$ is said to satisfy Condition (DSP) (direct summand property) if whenever $A, B, C, D$ are right $R$-modules with $A \oplus B \cong C \oplus D$ and $A, B, C \in \operatorname{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, then also $D \in \operatorname{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$.

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## Cyclically presented modules

Theorem
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Let $R$ be a ring and $\left\{A_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$ and $\left\{B_{j} \mid j \in J\right\}$ be two families of right $R$-modules that are all kernels of non-injective morphisms between indecomposable injective modules. Suppose that there exist bijections $\sigma, \tau: I \rightarrow J$ such that $\left[A_{i}\right]_{m}=\left[B_{\sigma(i)}\right]_{m}$ and $\left[A_{i}\right]_{u}=\left[B_{\tau(i)}\right]_{u}$ for every $i \in I$. Then $\prod_{i \in I} A_{i} \cong \prod_{j \in J} B_{j}$.

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